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DEVELOPMENT OF NEW VARIETY OF RICE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Scientists from International Rice Research Institute have developed a new variety of rice;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the time by which it is likely to be introduced for consumption by public at large?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) & (b): The International Rice Research Institute, Philippines develops and identifies elite lines/breeding materials and provides them to the National Agricultural Research system for evaluation and testing. Recently, elite rice lines have been identified in the areas of New Plant Type and Drought & Submergence tolerance etc. These lines are being tested in our national programme on rice.

(c) Since these lines are at various stages of testing, the time by which they are likely to be released will largely depend on their performance in the multi-location trials under Indian conditions.